

31st ANNIVERSARY

She teaches 1st grade.
He sends her a
dozen carnations.
During 31 years of
marriage he's never
sent her flowers.
He likes to be
unpredictable
because he feels
so ordinary.
With the bouquet
he sends a love
note on one of
those decorated
cards printed by
the thousands.

FORGIVENESS

They're eating dinner,
watching the national news.
He feels cheated by
the lack of depth
& says we should
watch the Neil/MacLehr.
He's had three glasses
of wine & a sneaked
swallow of vodka.
She says MacNeil/Lehrer.
He hates making mistakes
& targets her for his
anger but holds it in.
He keeps watching
the pictures & listening
to the voices, which
are illustrating horror
stories, & soon forgives
her for his mistake.